

REMARKS

By this paper, claims 1-11 have been amended by deleting all reference numeral appearing in the claim and changing the term "CHARACTERIZED in that" to "wherein." These amendments were made to conform the claims into accepted U.S. Patent Office format and were not for the purposes of distinguishing the claims over the prior art. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments. Claims 1-11 remain pending.

In the outstanding Office action dated June 8, 2006, claims 4-11 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form. Accordingly, claims 4-11 also have been amended so that they depend directly from independent claim 1. As such, it is believed that the objections to the claims have been traversed.

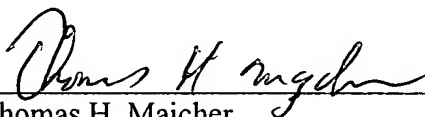
In the outstanding Office action, the Examiner also required the disclosure in the pending application of the status of the parent application. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the specification to include such information to thereby traverse the objection to the specification.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have attempted to completely respond to the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office action. In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the application be reconsidered, the claims allowed and the application passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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